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Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 13

Introduced by Senator Battin

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Ducheny, Margett, and Morrow)***

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 13—Relative to Child Abuse
Prevention Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 13, as amended, Battin. Child Abuse Prevention Month.

This measure would acknowledge the month of April 2005 as Child Abuse Prevention Month, and encourage the people of the State of California to work together to support youth-serving child abuse prevention activities in their communities and schools.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Child abuse and neglect continue to pose a
2 serious threat to our nation's children; and
3 WHEREAS, In 1996, more than 3,000,000 children were
4 reported to child protective agencies in the United States as
5 having suffered abuse and neglect; and
6 WHEREAS, It is estimated that for every three dollars spent
7 on the prevention of child abuse and neglect, at least six dollars
8 are saved that might be spent on child welfare services, special
9 education services, medical care, foster care, counseling, and the
10 housing of juvenile offenders; and

1 WHEREAS, Child abuse and neglect is a community problem
2 and finding solutions depends on the involvement of people
3 throughout the community; and

4 WHEREAS, The first organized statewide Blue Ribbon
5 Campaign was originated in Norfolk, Virginia, by the
6 grandmother of Bubba Dickinson, a child who was murdered by
7 his mother's abusive boyfriend; and

8 WHEREAS, In recent years, the National Committee to
9 Prevent Child Abuse, the California chapter and other local
10 affiliates, United States military bases, and other groups have
11 organized Blue Ribbon Campaigns to increase public awareness
12 of child abuse and to promote ways to prevent child abuse; and

13 WHEREAS, The National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse,
14 in all its forms, has proclaimed April as National Child Abuse
15 Prevention Month; and

16 WHEREAS, Blue ribbons are displayed to increase awareness
17 of child abuse and as a strategy for Child Abuse Prevention
18 Month; and

19 WHEREAS, This year's campaign is entitled—— *Safe*
20 *Children and Healthy Families are a Shared Responsibility*; and

21 WHEREAS, The flexibility of this program offers numerous
22 opportunities to be innovative and to create partnerships within
23 business, professional, and community organizations; now,
24 therefore, be it

25 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
26 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature does hereby
27 acknowledge the month of April 2005 as Child Abuse Prevention
28 Month, and encourage the people of the State of California to
29 work together to support youth-serving child abuse prevention
30 activities in their communities and schools during that month and
31 throughout the year; and be it further

32 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
33 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.